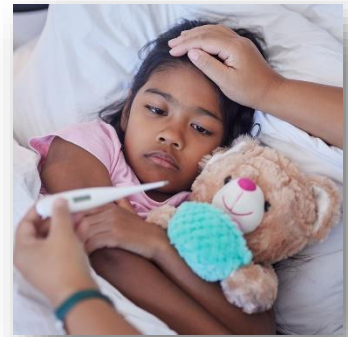


# When should a student stay home due to illness?

## Illness or Injury Exclusion Criteria

Reasons for which a child will be sent home from school/School Age Child Care (SACC) or for a parent to keep the child home from school/SACC. Students with the following conditions will not be permitted to ride the school bus home. The student must be released to a parent/guardian or adult designee.

1. Fever of 100.4°F and over – exclude until the student has been fever-free for at least 24 hours.
2. Conjunctivitis (pink eye), strep infections, ringworm, and impetigo are all infections and must be treated with medication for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school. Please do not allow affected students back before this time so that other students are not infected unnecessarily.
3. Rash of unknown origin (especially if accompanied by a fever).
4. Head injury.
5. Severe coughing or difficulty breathing.
6. Colds – a child with thick or constant nasal discharge should remain home.
7. Diarrhea – sudden increase in frequency to more than three loose/watery stools per day. Exclude until the student has been symptom free for at least 24 hours.
8. Vomiting – unless the vomiting is determined to be caused by a diagnosed non-communicable/non-infectious condition (such as dysmenorrhea, dysphagia, etc.).
9. Abdominal pain that continues for more than two hours or intermittent abdominal pain associated with fever or other signs or symptoms.
10. Stiff neck associated with a fever and/or a recent injury.
11. Inadequate immunizations with a known disease outbreak in school.
12. Refer to the [Virginia Department of Health Communicable Disease Reference Chart for School and Child Care Facility Personnel \(PDF\)](#) for other exclusions/information.



## Regulation 757-1